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Foster Dulles Says:

'SEATO No Threat To Anyone'

Bangkok Talks Open

Bangkok, Feb. 23.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, told the first session of the Southeast Asia Treaty Council today that the treaty was not directed against anyone but was intended to safeguard "friendly and free peoples."

He told delegates from the seven other nations in the pact that the example set in the three-day meeting could help to realize the aspiration... that in due course the shackles of captivity, injustice and arbitrary privilege shall be struck off and all men be free."

BASED ON LIBERTY

Mr. Dulles said American foreign policy was based on the idea of liberty for its own people and for others since "freedom cannot thrive in an environment hostile to freedom."

His first expression was in the Monroe Doctrine warning the "European despot" not to extend their system to the American continent which had now grown into the Rio Pact and the Organization of American States.

Its second expression was in relation to Asia, where America's mission to give the Philippines independence had been accomplished and where

and had "taken the lead in ending the system by which foreign nations exercised extraterritorial rights in China."

Today it found expression in our series of mutual security treaties with the free nations of the Western Pacific area and in the North Atlantic Treaty.

Today the United States comes to Southeast Asia. That is, geographically, some thing new to us. But we come under the compulsion of our historical principles and to fulfil them.

WIDE INFLUENCE

"As science has dwarfed distance so we increasingly feel bound to others by a sense of common destiny. That is why this Manila Pact, which brings us together, is a treaty to safeguard the independence, the integrity and the well-being of friendly and free peoples."

"Let us remember that what we do here to vitalise our treaty bonds will have an influence far beyond the treaty area."

"Our conduct and example can help to realize the aspiration expressed in the Charter of the United Nations and in our Pacific Charter that human opportunity shall not be constrained by geography or by force or class or creed but that in due course the shackles of captivity, injustice and arbitrary privilege shall be struck off and that all men shall be free."

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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

SEATO Justified

If the eight signatories to the Manila Pact meeting in Bangkok today succeed in carrying out their chief task, what has up to now been merely a name—the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation—will become a reality. The significance of this must not be lost, for SEATO will represent the biggest effort yet made to create a united defensive front against Communist military expansion in Asia. In magnitude it does not approach the solidarity and massive defensive strength of NATO, but it is based on the principles and aims of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and as such wins a unique position in contemporary political history.

One feature of the Manila Treaty (which constitutes the charter for the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation) is the five principles which the pact enunciates. And they are particularly interesting because Mr Chou En-lai has laid down similar principles which he says should govern Asian relations. Here they are: recognition of national sovereignty and territorial integrity; mutual non-aggression; non-interference in internal affairs; equality and mutual benefit; peaceful co-existence.

On this basis is the machinery for activating SEATO to be created, and it is not easy to conceive how any serious objections, more or less active opposition, to those principles can be advanced. When makes it all the more unfortunate that freedom-loving Asiatic nations are divided on the merits and desirability of a Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation. Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines are for; India, Burma, Colombo and Indonesia against. Yet all profess a common desire to have Asia safeguarded by the five fundamental principles laid down in the Manila Treaty.

The apparent contradiction is explained by a divergence in honest beliefs. The Manila Treaty powers are convinced that, as in Europe, the Communists' policy of aggression in Asia can now only be restrained by an unmistakable display of united defensive strength. India and Burma, in particular, consider any such organised offensive line-up an irritant, and that it will make no useful impression on the Communists.

BECAUSE the viewpoints are fundamental they are seemingly irreconcilable within an organisation of the nature of SEATO. India and Burma claim that their policies of neutrality are more likely to produce positive and valuable results for world peace. Unfortunately the bigger powers, such as the United States, Britain and France cannot afford to indulge in neutrality. They are constantly being challenged by the Communists over international problems. Russia has consistently refused to make any concessions on issues which vitally affect the peace of the world. Neutrality in their case would be tantamount to surrender.

Militant Communism has already advanced far enough in Southeast Asia. It makes no attempt to hide its menacing intentions. And this is the justification for the creation and maintenance of SEATO. Because of its defensive nature it can influence only those who possess aggressive designs. As an alliance it suffers the imperfections of incompleteness, but few will deny that it can serve the very valuable purposes, firstly of discouraging aggression, and secondly of resisting aggression should it be attempted.

'No Response To Soviet Peace Moves'

BLUNT WARNING BY ZHUKOV

Russia Ready To Hit Back If Attacked'
RED ARMY DAY TV SPEECH

Moscow, Feb. 22.
The Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Georgi Zhukov, told a Russian audience tonight the USSR's "peaceful policy" had evoked no "favourable echoes" in the West and warned that Russia was ready to retaliate against any attack.

Making his first TV speech on the eve of Red Army Day, Marshal Zhukov was flanked on his right by the new Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and by the Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Krushchev.

Then came the first Deputy Defence Minister, Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, and the Army Chief of Staff, Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky.

Marshal Zhukov underlined Russia's peaceful intentions first.

"The pacific policy of the USSR has not raised any favourable echoes on the part of the capitalist countries," he said, "notably the United States, which is carrying out a policy of preparation for war and propaganda."

He added: "We are ready to reply to all attacks. Those who

do not take the lessons of history into account, like Hitler, who attempted to adopt a position of force against the USSR, should remember his fate."

"Permit me to assure the Central Committee of the Party and our Soviet Government that all the soldiers and sailors of the USSR recognise their high responsibilities and will continue to reinforce the power of the armed forces of our homeland," he said.

NEW 'SAVE ASIA'
ECONOMIC PLAN
U.S. Experts Begin Study

Washington, Feb. 22.
The Eisenhower Administration is studying tentative plans for a joint United States-West European economic aid drive to strengthen Asia's resistance against Communist subversion, it was learned today.

The basis of the suggested combined economic offensive is the United States "Save Asia" development programme which will be submitted by the White House to Congress in mid-April.

The idea of participation by the nations of Western Europe was developed by Mr Stassen, who held informal talks with economic and financial leaders at the North Atlantic Treaty conference in Paris earlier this year.

Officials reported today that discussions with these leaders were continuing and that the overall framework for a joint programme was being studied in Washington.

NO FORMAL PROPOSAL

Although no formal proposal had been placed before the Economic Co-operation, several countries, particularly West Germany, Belgium and Holland, had expressed keen interest in S. A. S. A.'s views, they said.

He has suggested many reasons why Western Europe should join the United States in meeting the Communists in this area.

AMONG THEM:

(1) That nations restored to economic health by the Marshall Plan after the war should now extend help to under-developed countries which have no industrial base to raise living standards.

(2) That European participation is desirable as one way of proving that the United States is not driven by imperialistic designs in accepting the challenge of poverty and Communism in Asia.

(3) That it is in the self-interest of Western Europe to contribute financial, material and technical aid to the region.—Reuter.

Burma Rebels
Sabotage Train

Rangoon, Feb. 22.
A strong band of Karen rebels sabotaged and attacked a government mail and passenger train, looted it of arms and ammunition and kidnapped 40 passengers. The latest attack by a band of about 4,000 Karen insurgents took place between Donam and Hsipaw in the Shan state, north-western Burma.

Manchester
Warning On
HK Imports

Manchester, Feb. 23.
A leading cotton trade authority in Manchester said last night that from a long term point of view the growth of exports of cheap cotton piecegoods from Hongkong to Britain could be even more dangerous to Lancashire than imports of Indian cloth.

He said the figure in 1950 was slightly less than 1,500,000 yards. It had increased to 2,500,000 yards at the end of 1953 and had jumped to 16 million yards in the last quarter of 1954.

This was equivalent to 64 million yards a year.

"If this trend continues these imports will be a very serious matter for the Lancashire cotton industry," he said.

Cotton circles believe the Cotton Board would urge the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, to lay down a quota to protect Lancashire from cheap Indian cloth.—Reuter.

500 Passengers, Crew Inoculated

Typhoid Scare On Ship
From Hongkong

Capetown, Feb. 22.
Two doctors worked for 3½ hours today to inoculate the 500 passengers and crew of the 14,281-ton steamship Raya after two Chinese children aboard were found to have typhoid.

The children, Martin Chua, then aged 3, and his brother, Russell, aged 5, from Houghton, were taken to Hospital, 42, East London, Cape Province.

The ship left for Port Elizabeth after the inoculation. The ship, bound for Durban, had been delayed by bad weather.

To Break Exile?



Faure To Ask For Confidence Vote

FRENCH CABINET
CRISIS
'VIRTUALLY OVER'

Paris, Feb. 22.
France's 20th post-war Cabinet crisis was virtually solved tonight after the latest Premier-designate, Radical leader M. Edgar Faure, informed the President of the Republic that he was prepared to complete his mission.

M. Faure told reporters immediately afterwards that he expected to finish his ministerial list by midnight, but that whatever happened, he would be ready to go before the Assembly tomorrow morning.

M. Faure, who at the age of 48 has been a Cabinet Minister ten times, has put ratification of the Paris Agreement as the first item of his governmental programme.

A complete list of his Ministry will not be available until it is read out by the Speaker of the National Assembly tomorrow.

NO DIFFICULTY

London, Feb. 22.
Will King Freddie, the Kabaka of Buganda, be allowed to break his exile in London to visit his four-year-old daughter who is suffering from polio in East Africa?

According to the Colonial Office, which could give the all-clear, the first move must lie with the Kabaka. He is the one to make any suggestion that he should return to Uganda temporarily to see his daughter.

But last night King Freddie's secretary, speaking from the Kabaka's London flat, said, "The Kabaka naturally very distressed about this and would, of course, wish to travel to Uganda. He is aware, however, the Government does not wish him to return at the moment. In order, therefore, to avoid embarrassment he has so far refrained from making any approach."

It is expected the Kabaka will ask for permission to fly to his daughter. If so the British Government will be placed in an embarrassing position.

It is felt his temporary presence in Uganda at the present time would aggravate local feeling.

At the same time, a point-blank refusal by the Government would doubtless lead to a storm of protest both in Britain and among the Kabaka's people.—London Express Service.

It represents virtually all fractions of the chamber except the Communists, the Socialists and a few splinter groups.

The turning point in this crisis came early today when

NEW NATIONALIST
RETREAT LIKELY

Threat To Nanchi Reported

Washington, Feb. 22.
The Nationalist Government on Formosa may have to evacuate Nanchi Island, northern-most outpost of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, US military experts said today.

But it is not known whether America will urge the evacuation.

Military experts said other offshore islands held by the Nationalists near Formosa, such as Matsu and Quemoy, were not immediately menaced by the Chinese Communists. They said they do not think Quemoy is defended by the biggest Nationalist force outside Formosa, was in danger for possibly as long as the rest of this year.

American experts also discounted as exaggerated Nationalist reports of heavy destruction of Communist "warships" and sinking of Communist submarines. Although there have been Nationalist reports of Communist submarines, no such reports have come from American sources.

The U.S. has asked the Nationalists to "check and double check" submarine reports.

OLD RUSSIAN SUBS?

Authorities said the Chinese Communists probably have a few old Russian submarines, but added that if any were sunk there would have been positive evidence in the form of debris and oil slick.

Two submarines have been reported missing in four days.

US military officials described the Communist "warships" reported sunk as "wooden junks, small sailing vessels." They said at 400 to 500-ton vessel would be a the one and only threat.

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Military sources said Chiang was apparently referring to the Chinese Communists' recent capture of the island of Quemoy.

The Communists' capture of Quemoy, which is situated off the coast of Formosa, was reported to have been made by a force of 10,000 men.

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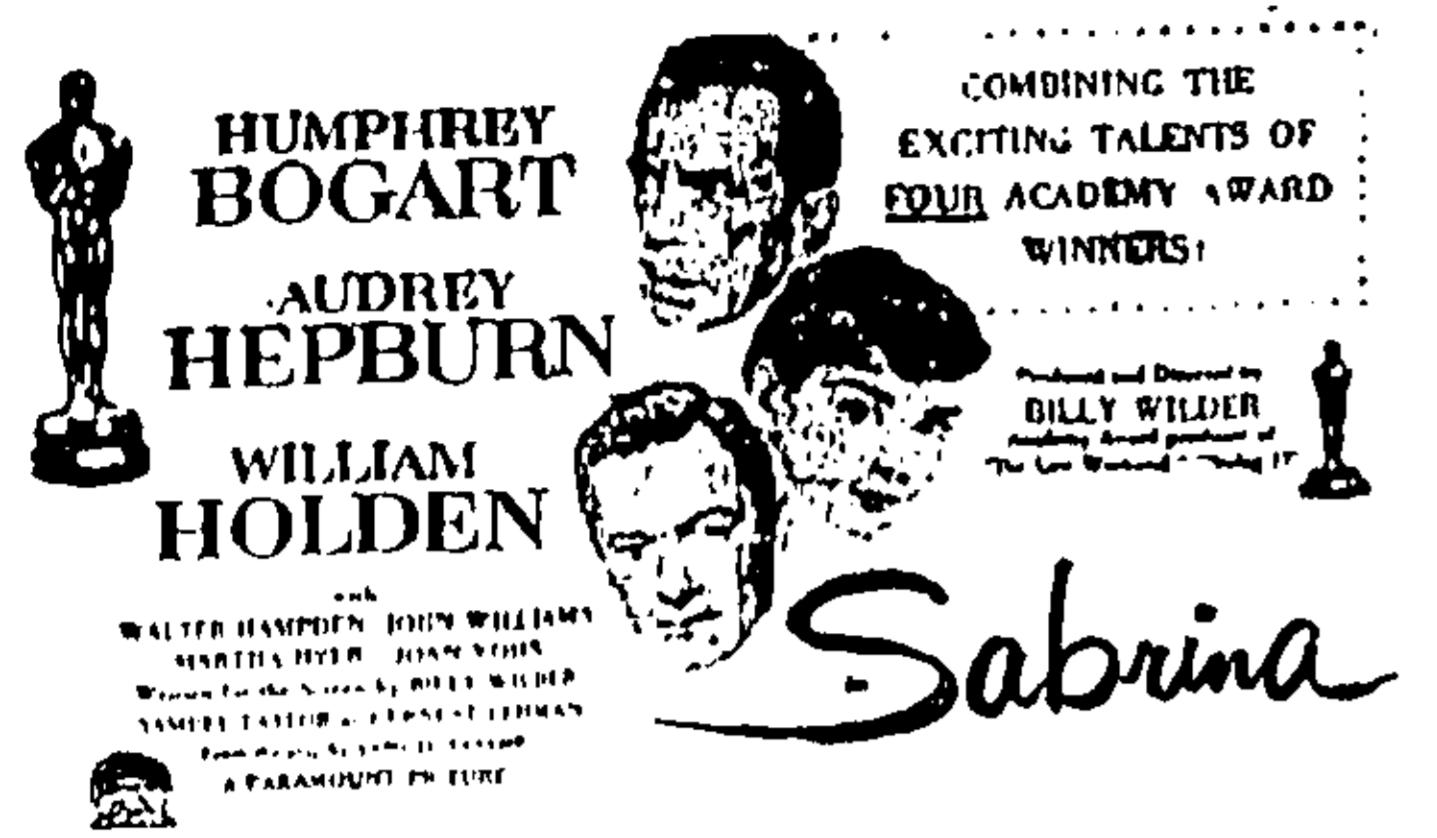
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JAPANESE RED PLAN

Political Offensive
Beaten By
Prime Minister

Tokyo, Feb. 22. The Communist Party abandoned its plans for an all-out political offensive in the face of the snowballing strength of the Prime Minister, Mr Ichiro Hatoyama.

With election day only six days away, Red leaders pulled out four of their 99 candidates for Lower House seats and instructed supporters to throw their votes to the left-wing Socialists.

LINGERIE COLLECTOR

London, Feb. 22. A 46-year-old foreman-apprentice admitted in court at Hove, Sussex, today that for years he had been collecting women's undergarments.

He told the Magistrate that he took them off other lines in gardens in the neighbourhood. At his home, police found drawers full of articles of lingerie each of which had been carefully entered in a note book.

Defendant, J. Haynes did not explain what use he made of the panties and bras. The Court decided the thefts were due to a mental lapse. Haynes, who promised not to try to add to his dainty collection, was granted conditional liberty.—France-Presse.

EUROPEAN DEFENCE ALTERED

Omaha, Feb. 22. General Alfred Gruenther, NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, stated here today that the strategic concepts for the defence of Europe had altered since the probable addition of Federal German troops to those of other Western Powers.

He made this statement on a stop-over at the military base here on his way to Bismarck in North Dakota.

Up to now, he said, NATO forces would have to hold the Rhine defense line.

He added that "when we get the German contingent we will be able to defend what we call the forward strategy."

This would be, in the General's opinion, "a strong enough

shield of German forces plus

the use of our new weapons—

atomic artillery and guided missiles.

He did not specify the precise distance toward the East which would separate the Rhine and the position of this "forward strategy."—France-Presse.

Tough Legal Questions

Paris, Feb. 22. Can a convict who killed the executioner assigned to carry out his death sentence plead self-defence?

This is one of the questions chosen today for the annual examination debate for apprentice lawyers of Paris.

Another question selected for the debate, which is to be held on Thursday is: Can an adulterous woman make a complaint for legal action against a private detective hired by her husband to watch her? If this detective is the party with whom she has committed adultery, if this detective made use of her as a partner to further his case, and if he noted in his report this single case of adultery upon which the husband's suit for divorce is based.—France-Presse.

Everywhere clusters of people stood at the roadside to greet

A crowd of several thousand

raced after her car when on her

way to Mandeville she visited

THE MORRISONS MEET FAIRBANKS



Mr Herbert Morrison is accompanied by Mrs Morrison, whom he married a few weeks ago, as he shakes hands with Mr Douglas Fairbanks at the Dorchester Hotel in London. Occasion was Foyle's Literary Luncheon in honour of Anglo-American friendship.—Central Press Photo.

Cheering Children Greet Princess Margaret

Mandeville, Jamaica, Feb. 22. Princess Margaret was given one of the most enthusiastic receptions of her West Indian tour here today as a seething mass of children expressed its excitement with shrill shouts of "Ain't she sweet."

Grownups formed an outer cordon on Mandeville Square in this small parochial capital 2,200 feet up in the mountains as the Royal visitor arrived.

She wore a white silk dress with a red spot design and deep bateau neckline and a red straw hat.

To reach Mandeville — chief town of the Parish of Manchester—the Princess motored about 60 miles from Kingston, capital of Jamaica.

Some miles further on, she visited the Alumina Jamaica Limited plant.

When she alighted from her car outside the Mandeville courthouse the cheers from several thousands flag-waving children were almost deafening.

But these were outmatched when the Custos or Lord-Lieutenant of Manchester, the Honourable R. G. Williams, called for three cheers for the Princess who smilingly stood beside him on the balcony.—Reuters.

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NUCLEAR RADIATION EFFECTS

Possibility That Life May Be Shortened

A-MEDICAL EXPERT EXPRESSES VIEWS

MR WINTHROP ALDRICH

BRILLIANT LONDON PARTY

London, Feb. 22. Queen Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, headed the list of 300 society guests at a housewarming which took place today at Winfield House, the new residence of US Ambassador to Britain Winthrop Aldrich.

The housewarming, which was regarded as the most brilliant reception of the winter social calendar here, was also attended by the Queen Mother, the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and Lady Churchill and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

The guests arrived tonight with all the splendour of pre-war days as they drove through 12 acres of gardens—the second largest property in London after Buckingham Palace.

The Royal family came last, and Queen Elizabeth ordered her carriage lit at the beginning of the driveway to show off her white gemini coat and a splendid diamond.

Windfield House, situated in Regents Park, was originally built in 1930 by Jerome Socialite Barbara Hutton. She offered it—35 rooms, trees imported from Italy, marble stairs, from France, bullet-proof windows and all—to the American Government, on the condition that the US Ambassador in London would use it as his residence.

But Mr Louis W. Douglas, predecessor to Mr Aldrich from 1947 to 1950, did not find it appropriate.—France-Presse.

Rome, Feb. 22. An improvement in the health of the Aga Khan was today reported by his son, the Aly Khan, during a stop-over here on his journey from Cairo to South America on business.

Prince Aly Khan stated that 10 days ago, his father's state of health had been very bad but that he was now much better, and was thinking of returning to Canada in March.

The Prince who left here by plane will spend one day in Paris before continuing his journey.—France-Presse.

Washington, Feb. 22. An atomic medical expert today raised the possibility that nuclear radiation's long-term effects may shorten man's life expectancy.

This "delayed effect" of radiation exposure had already been demonstrated in test animals, Dr John C. Bugher told a Senate Armed Services Committee studying civil defence problems posed by the H-bomb.

Dr Bugher is Director of the Biological and Medical Division of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Whether radiation would have the same effect on the life expectancy of humans "is as yet unknown," Dr Bugher said.

EXTENSIVE AREA

Dr Bugher presented to the Sub-Committee a highly technical medical explanation of the effects of atomic radiation. These potential dangers were emphasized by an AEC report last week that an H-bomb could spread lethal radioactivity over a very extensive area.

A "possible delayed effect of radiation exposure which has been demonstrated in animals is a statistical shortening of life expectancy," Dr Bugher said in a prepared statement.

This phenomenon does not result from any specific cause of death but apparently from a general acceleration of the aging process. Whether this factor can be recognized in a human population is as yet unknown.

"For it to become a significant consequence of sub-lethal radiation exposure, it would seem necessary that all causes of death operating in earlier years would have to be sharply suppressed."

Dr Bugher left unanswered the question of the effect of radiation upon hereditary characteristics.

The "genetic problem," he said, "is one of the fundamental aspects of the adjustment of man to the world of the future."—United Press.

Whispering Atomic Blast

New York, Feb. 22. The Atomic Energy Commission today set off a "whispering" atomic blast

that a witnessing Senator indicated could be the model of a guided missile war-head for use against "invading forces."

The Senator, Mr Russell Long, who saw this second shot in the 1953 nuclear test series from an official observation post 10 miles away, said after the blast it was a "baby A-bomb."

He said it enabled him and 18 other observing Congressmen to "foresee nuclear weapons launched from either the ground or aircraft against invading forces, yet small enough to minimize danger to our own people."

The Congressional party witnessed the explosion from the concrete control-point blockhouse inside the Nevada proving grounds and were briefed thoroughly by the AEC on what was happening before, during and after the explosion.

POST-BLAST STATEMENT

The use of the word "blasted" by the Senator in an official post-blast statement indicated that the device could have tipped the nose of any of the guided missiles known to be in the United States arsenal: ground-to-ground, ground-to-air, air-to-ground, or air-to-air.

The blast spread a panoramic "flash-bulb" light across an 800-mile area, and was unofficially estimated to be the equivalent of some 15,000 tons of TNT—actually in the medium-size range for Nevada firing.

Last Friday's first test of the series was a so-called "baby A-bomb" with an estimated "yield" of somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 tons.

Nagasaki and Hiroshima weapons, by comparison, were rated at about 20,000 tons.

Stimson, however, did not give forth none of the more details of previous detonations of that intensity.

He said the yield of the latest test was "approximately 10 kilotons."

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When Dennis Eisenberg left his Johannesburg home for London he promised himself: "I'll try anything once." High on the list of "things I'll try once" was ballet. So when he reached London one of his first calls was to Covent Garden to watch the pick of the world's dancers at work. He decided to "have a go" but the youngster who'd hitch-hiked his way across Africa and Europe found that dancing can be a man-size job. Here he tells the story of that painful discovery.

Ballet For Innocents

THE blush on my face exposed as one of the girls giggled. Surely it was the worst moment in my life.

"Please," said the instructor, "Please try and follow—please don't invent your own steps." He rattled off a string of French words.

I hadn't the faintest idea what he was talking about. It had looked so easy, so graceful, at Covent Garden. So simple, that I had decided to try it for myself.

I ignored the scoffs and warnings of my friends. And I bought a pair of ballet shoes and ...

Now, feeling very silly, the only male in a class of young, aspiring ballerinas, I was bitterly regretting my brilliant idea.

The instructor was short and stocky; he looked more like a wrestler than my idea of a ballet teacher. He had rather a squeaky voice. "Now we will go through that again." He repeated a long list of French instructions.

No Idea

Wish he would talk in English, I thought. All that I could remember of five years of school French was "Merci" and "Garcon." Besides, even if I knew what a "Grand Battement" was, I hadn't the faintest idea of how to do it.

"Please," he said wearily, "I told you before to open the thighs, point the toes, don't bend the knees, straighten the back. Now, first position."

Obediently, I forced the toes outwards from their natural position, till one pointed to the east, the other to the west. I thought,

By Dennis Eisenberg



of the right leg. My back kept on bending in sympathy to ease the sudden strain on sides and legs. It was supposed to stay rigid. My hands dropped the wrong way and I kept on confusing the third with the fourth position.

The second odd was easy. You stood this way a soldier stands "at ease." The only complication was that the legs had to jut out sideways.

To add to my confusion, the plaintive wail of someone murdering Bach on a violin was drifting in from the studio next door. A male voice was bellowing Italian Opera from upstairs. Now I understood the purposeful notice at the entrance to the studios reminding singers to keep their windows closed when rehearsing.

A Brainwave

Stretch and bend, from fifth in front, to fifth behind. Patiently the pianist was fingering scraps of Liszt and Chopin, as we jumped and scraped in time to the music. I kept my eyes riveted to the feet of the girl in front of me. Nice figure, I thought, all the same. "Concentrate," I muttered fiercely to myself.

"Now, one and two and three," he counted.

The idea was to try and bend while remaining in this extremely awkward position. I managed a descent of a couple of inches. Muscles I never knew existed came to life. Weird creaks and shooting pains were coming from all over my body. And my thighs, I tried to twist your thighs right round and then start the hand roll along the wall.

Would this never end? The minutes ticked by—oh, so slowly—when suddenly I had a brainwave. I would pretend that I was ill or that I had pulled a muscle or something. "Coward," I heard someone say.

I decided to stick it out. At last the music stopped. The class was at an end. Body aching all over, utterly exhausted and striving desperately to look dignified, I retired, defeated, to the shower room.

I can use the tights for pyjamas, but is anyone interested in buying a pair of virtually new, size nine ballet shoes?

"Your hands," he yelled. I had forgotten to drop my hands. "Now stretch and stretch." I stretched and stretched and could have sworn I heard something snap. If only he'd go a little slower, I thought.

The trouble was that my left leg seemed to be in the way

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Thousands have sought the fabulous treasures of El Dorado and have been defeated — by mud

THE SACRED LAKE OF THE GILDED MAN

THE sunlight drew a dull gleam from the breastplate and armoured helm of the tall bearded Spaniard.

He repeated over and over again the one question:

"Where is El Dorado?"

to the thing that had been

Sajipa, King of the Chibchas,

Indians, and now revolved

on a spit over the fire. But

the Indian died without

speaking.

The year of 1539 was drawing to its end and already the lower

heights of the Andes were capped

with snow. The story of El

Dorado—now spoken of in legend

as a city of gold—had drawn the

Spaniards, Quesada and nearly

1,000 men-at-arms and followers

through matted jungle and fever-

stinking swamp in search of

plunder—to the foothills of the

Andes from Bogota.

Their numbers had been cut

down by two thirds on that

journey—by desertion, Indian

attacks, fever and exhaustion.

Was it just a legend that

drove them on? It was for

more substantial a lure than

that. El Dorado meant The

Gilded Man—and the Spaniards

had seen some of his treasures

that had filtered through to the

coast of South America—golden

ornaments and emeralds "as

big as a man's palm."

Then Len Hutton strained his

bulky egg head with a worried look

slapping one flat foot before the

other down the High

Street they ask themselves

what's poor old Uncle Nat

bothering about now?

Depression set in the next

day. When the Plucky Little

Woman asked, "Has Bedser got

shingles again?" she was told

"No. But Trevor Bailey is

down with gastric flu."

Obviously the first Test was

lost with our only all-rounder

out of the game. Bedser

wouldn't be at his best. Hutton's

leg would let him down. They

might as well come home. They

Bailey got better. Hooray. We

still had a chance.

When Ray Lindwall took to

his bed with a high tempera-

ture his uncle tried not to look

pleased. But he thought this

was making the game a bit

more even though he hoped

it was bedevil.

Does he therefore see ruin

staring him in the face? His

he decided once more to be-

come tactician, non-smoker,

vegetarian? Does he hate the

prospect of total abstinence? Is

he torturing with his conscience?

Is he dreading Christmas

safety? Has he a hangover?

Do his flat feet hurt?

The answer is that he is

worrying about cricket, his only

interest, left in a ridiculous

world.

Last October he was in the

depths of despair because Alec

Bedser had shingles. He read

every line about Bedser's ill-

ness. As the recovery was

slow he even suspected the

Australian doctor in attendance

on the Sefton Nest was

heavy with gloom—the P.L.W.

asked.

"What's happened now? Have

they all caught bedbug?"

It was not to be said that

but Bedser's illness was

so bad that the Australian

doctor recovered.

Ray Lindwall took to his bed

and the Australian doctor

recovered.

Ray Lindwall recovered.

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THE MAN WHO DECIDES TO BE A REFEREE MUST HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR

Says TOM FINNEY

To take charge of the FA Cup Final at Wembley is as important to a referee as it is to a player. He considers, and I think quite rightly, that it is the highest honour he can win.

What does it take to make a Cup Final referee? It depends on a lot of things, of course. If it's an all Lancashire Final (a remote possibility I must admit!) then that fine Bolton referee, Jack Clough, can hardly be chosen simply because he is a Lancashireman. If it's between Chelsea and Charlton Athletic, say, then the London referees are out of it.

This may seem harsh. But it is a sign of the insistence in our game that there should be no doubts about fair play in my time I have played in matches controlled by most of the referees—like Arthur Ellis, Mervyn Griffiths, George Reader, Jim Gillis, Reg Leafe, Arthur Bond and Bill Evans. I would say they had one thing in common, apart from their outstanding ability as referees—and that is a sense of humour.

The man who decides to be a referee must have humour. Otherwise the game wouldn't be worth it. I don't believe refereeing should be a full-time job, simply because most of the referees I have met look upon it as a means of living.

The might seem a little quaint to the man on the terrace who loves to howl "Get a pair of spurs, ref, open your eyes!" But it is true. Referees really enjoy doing their job, and to far as I am concerned, as a referee I am British, they do difficult job well.

ONLY HUMAN

Yes, I know they make mistakes. So do I. So does every footballer who goes out to play. And let's be fair about this. How many readers can say in all honesty that they never made an error in their job or work?

Although we hear squawks from the ill-informed, the fact remains that British referees are very highly thought of all over the world. After all, didn't Bill Bond, Bill Long, referee the World Cup Final in 1950, between Hungary and Germany? And I for one will never forget the fairness with which Arthur Ellis handled in the now infamous Battle of Berne, where he had to do off three players.

Arthur kept his head in the crisis. He showed in that situation what I would call the typical British temperament. How different from the more excitable continentalists—although I must say that continental refereeing is improving and I think one of the reasons is the way they come over here for the FA courses.

Let's face facts. Without fair play as enforced by referees, football would fall into disrepute. You might remember that next time you want to boo the man in the middle.

I think really it is a little harsh that referees have to retire from the League list as early as they do—at 47. I can recall that George Reader, although off the English list, did a grand job of work in the World Cup series in South America in 1950.

And again Bill Evans of Liverpool, who used to dart

around the field like lightning, was still top class when the age limit forced him to retire. I used to feel sorry for Bill as I do for any referee of his calibre that he never had the honour of handling a Cup Final.

NEVER BETTER

A lot of people these days get annoyed with "flag waving linesmen". Well, I suppose he can be a bit of a nuisance. But the game has never been better handled than now under the diagonal system, introduced originally I believe by Sir Stanley Rous, now FA Secretary and one of the best referees of my decade.

How on earth could any referee be expected to keep up with play and be on the spot to give split-second decisions? Obviously the ref. must rely on the linesman for some of the offside decisions. The diagonal system is the best method of refereeing I have seen in operation.

Now if you had a chance of altering any of the FA rules, which one would you change? I think the one I would alter is the present obstruction rule places undue strain on any ref. I think in a lot of obstruction cases in the penalty area a penalty is a much fairer award than an indirect free kick.

After all if a player may beat a man or have his legs kicked under him, the award then is a penalty. Yet a man may push

the ball round an opponent to get in shooting position, and then be obstructed off the ball. Surely that is worth a penalty. I think so anyway.

As a player I like to see a ref. exert his authority with dignity—but not lose the common touch. I recall my old England teammate Frank Swift telling me that he always on the crossbar in one game was immediately told by the ref. "Loy off the aerobatic, Frank." The crowd have come to see a game of football, not a monkey on a bar!

Frank took that remark in the spirit it was intended, which brings me my hint for the week:

COACHING HINT

No matter what grade of football you play, whether at school or in the intermediate grade or international, one man must control the game. So though you may not like a referee's decision, there is no point in arguing. He is the boss.

He makes mistakes, and like most footballers he is only too painfully aware when he has made them.

The best refs. will always listen to a player—when he is not trying to show off in front of the crowd.

Don't make a difficult job more difficult by arguing. You'll find in the long run it pays.

The referee comes to respect you as you should respect him.

Entries For The 8th Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Eighth Race Meeting which is to be held at Happy Valley on following Saturdays, March 5 and March 12.

The programme sees nine events for each day and all but Class 7 ponies will be appearing, and there will also be five races for 1955 Subs—two on the First Day and three on March 12.

Main event on the first day will probably be the Mt. Coghill Handicap for Class 2 ponies over one mile, and on the second day, the Victoria Peak Handicap over one mile and 171 yards which sees Class 1 ponies competing.

FIRST DAY

March 5

Note.—Class 3, Mount Butler Handicap, has been cancelled and entries transferred to Mount Keddie Handicap which will be run in one section—from The Two Miles Post race, 1st & 4th (About One Mile, 171 Yards).

Let us take first Positioning. The saddle should be fairly well back, to give a feeling of security and to allow the front wheel (and the arms) of some of the weight. Body should be upright, not drooping like-like over the front wheel.

Brake levers in a position where they can be held for long periods without strain. Cranks level, with the knees lightly grasping the top-tube and all the muscles relaxed. Eyes looking well ahead, at the next bend, and beyond.

Perhaps the most important single factor is the complete relaxation of the body, allowing one to ride easily with the cycle instead of "fighting" it.

Cornering at speed is an Art, perhaps the best exponent in the Colony today being Charlie Ayron, always a delight to watch. The usual method is to lean the cycle towards the inside of the bend, using the body to keep the centre of gravity directly over the point of contact with the road. A fairly satisfactory way of doing things on gentle curves, left hand bends and where the number of bends is right for the bend.

On a right-hand bend, where the camber is away from the path of the cycle, this method necessitates a pronounced slowing down, with a resultant loss of valuable seconds.

The method taught me by Mirzali, the way the Italians drop

in dizzy fashion down the Alps, gives what I believe to be the fastest descent on any type of gradient, curve or surface. It consists simply of holding the

The first race is the "Lincoln"



Henry Wynne, 17, in May, has shown much promise in his three months as an apprentice at Reg Deakin's Balcombe Stud, near St Albans. He has done well in the Lincolnshire Handicap (March 23) on Mr. Deakin's five-year-old, High Level.

Wynne, who comes from Liverpool and is a cousin of Jockey Frank Durr, is seen exercising High Level (right) with Romany Minstrel, ridden by 17-year-old Robin Deakin, one of the trainer's sons. With Wynne's 7lb. allowance,

High Level's weight will be reduced to 11st. This is a hard traveller, but, provided he gets to the course all right, he stands a great chance at the weights," says Mr. Deakin. Wynne fully understands the horse.

London Express Service.

To Be A Good Climber Of Hills Is Important, But To Be A Good Descender Is Imperative

Says "NTACA"

I spent last Sunday afternoon watching one of the last of this season's "Classic" events, the NTACA-promoted "Grand Prix" Time Trial, and was far from impressed by the standard of descending shown by the majority of the riders.

"To be a good climber of hills is important, but to be a good descender is imperative." I was vividly reminded of the words of my friend, Vittorio Marzilli, who said, "After all what is the value of striving and suffering to gain a minute on a climb, only to lose that minute and more on the following drop?"

There are few riders in the Colony at present who can be designated GOOD descenders. Faulty positioning, breaking too late or too soon, not knowing how to corner at high speed, or overcome the effects of adverse road camber, all these can add seconds to one's time in a fast descent and, on the hills routes used in some of the Colony's big events, can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

Descending hills is a science, the rudiments of which can be easily learned, needing only practice and application to yield worth-while results.

On the sharp, hairpin type of bend, I have seen the Italians actually hooking the knee of the outside leg over the saddle, body held out at arm's length and almost at right-angles to the cycle.

The rapid switching from side to side on the Twisk-like drops in Northern Italy gives one the impression that the cyclist is performing some feat of acrobatics, but the speedy way in which these boys come down the hills is proof of the efficacy of this method.

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Practically every cycling Club at home has its own Magazine, ranging from the professionally edited and printed masterpiece to the single duplicated and almost unreadable sheet. I have been approached with the idea that the Hongkong Cycling Association should not lag behind in this field, and have been honoured by being offered the onerous job of Editor of the proposed "HKCA Mag".

Here is an opportunity for the budding authors, who I am sure number many scores, to see themselves in print. A high literary standard is not required, but articles should be lively and of general cycling interest, from 500 to 1,500 words.

We would also be interested in cartoons, the wit content being of more importance than artistic ability. If you do not think you can write an article, why not send a "Letter to the Editor", on some matter on which you feel strongly, and which you think may be of general interest? It is hoped to publish our first number some time in the next month or so.

Are you going to do YOUR bit? Question of the Week. To all HKCA Members, should we have an Association Badge, and if so, of what design?

As was expected, the Grand Prix was won by Beck, and won well with a truly superb ride of just over 2 hours and 5 minutes for the 44 miles, beating second man, Bouch by almost four minutes.

The majority of that time was made on the climb of Twisk, with Bouch getting a minute back on the descent. The "San Miguel" Shield, the team award, will adorn a shelf in the 7th Hussars for the next twelve months, their team winning by almost eighteen minutes from the REME boys. And this with one of their strongest hill riders, Innes, absent.

On present form there is not a team in the Colony to touch them and it looks as though the majority of team awards for the rest of the season will go their way.

One of the team's new riders, Jones of the REME, accustomed to 7th Hussars, gave a good indication of his latent powers by completing the arduous course in 2 hours 21 minutes in his second ride since coming to the Colony. If he can get himself properly fit in the next few weeks, I can see Beck's 50 miles TT record being thrown in the ashcan, and the Team re-

COLONY TENNIS

Easy Passage For Favourites Into Quarter-finals

Favourites Eddie Saubolle, Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yun-pui, Edwin Tsui and K. C. Dao gained easy passage in their matches to qualify for the quarter-finals in the Colony Singles Grasscourt Tennis Championships at Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday before a big crowd.

The former Tientsin champion, Eddie Saubolle, with his lightning service and his cross court drives blasted the young CRC player, Choy Tin-kin, out of the competition, winning in straight sets. This proved to be the best game of the evening and was played before the biggest crowd seen yet at the current Championships.

Saubolle's backhand and back-line drives caught Choy off his feet on numerous occasions and drew applause from the crowd. Choy was very weak in his forehand drives, reduced the lead to 3-4.

Lo went on to win the next game to lead by 5-3. Ng again managed to deadlock the score at 5-5 and at 6-6, then he put on pressure and won the next games for the match.

THE RESULTS
Singles: C. Choy v. Lo 6-3, 6-4; F. G. Lamko v. Tsui Wai-pui 3-6, 2-6; K. Lo lost to Tsui Yun-pui 3-6, 2-6; Choy Tin-kin v. Wai-chung Wong 6-3, 6-2; K. Lo 6-2, 6-3; Doubles: C. Choy and Tsui Wai-pui v. Eddie Saubolle and Chau Yen 6-3, 6-2; Eddie Saubolle and M. Lo 6-2, 6-3; Lo King-fun lost to K. C. Dao 1-6, 6-4.

Doubles: C. Choy and Tsui Wai-pui v. Eddie Saubolle and M. Lo 6-3, 6-4; Lo King-fun and Eddie Saubolle and M. Lo 6-3, 6-4.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Singles: K. H. Ip v. Marland Ma 6-3, 6-4; Tsui Wai-pui and Perem v. Chong Yen 6-3, 6-4; Lo King-fun and Tsui Yun-pui 6-3, 6-4; Ng Lo and Ng Loo 6-3, 6-4; Wong and Choy Lin and Lam 6-3, 6-4.

TOMORROW MATCHES

Singles: C. Choy and Tsui Wai-pui and Eddie Saubolle and Chau Yen v. Chang and Ouang; Men and Koon Yen Chang and Tsui Zau; Ho and Ho v. Tsui and Tsui.

Indians 249

For 4 Against Schools' XI

Karachi, Feb. 22.

The touring Indian cricket team, after losing three wickets for 41, hit up a formidable 249 for four at the close of play when their three-day match against a Pakistan Combined Schools XI opened here today.

The Indian side lost Mankad, Roy and Mantri for small totals when they attempted to go for runs against the remarkably accurate opening attack of the young schoolboy cricketers.

Ramchand, who scored 60, helped Bordon to add 87 runs for the fourth wicket before falling to a catch in the slips off Wallis Mathias, Pakistan's 12th man in their last two Tests.

After Ramchand's dismissal, Bordon and Gopnath hit the bowlers all over the field and were still batting at the close when Bordon was 96 and Gopnath 62.

The Schools XI is led by Hanif Mohammad, Pidston's opening batsman—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Fencing
Foil League: Chinese "Red" v. HKC 5-0 p.m.
Sword Club: Athletes

REME Sports and Open mile race.

Men's "A" Div.: HKU v. CYMCA

(W) Schoolboys: Individual Championship at Queen's College, 6 p.m.

Pentangular Tournament: Police v. Navy at Boundary Street.

Tea: HKCC

Colony Championships at HKCC, 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

Badminton

Senior Mixed: Cecile v. CCC

YMCA v. Police

Post League: Chinese Blue v. Police

at Central Police, 5.30 p.m.

Tennis

Colony Championships at HKCC

5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Athletics

La Salle College Sports, Boundary St. 2 p.m.

Tennis

Colony Championships at HKCC



The Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is given over to Referee Stanley who did such a fine job of handling the third and final game of the Hongkong-Admiral Soccer series.

The visit of the Austrian footballers produced plenty of stormy controversy but there was nothing but praise accorded to Mr Stanley for his work in making the final game such a fine one.

There is always a risk of a clash of ideas and styles when teams from different parts of the world meet but by his commanding and practical approach to the job in hand, Mr. Stanley satisfied both sides, and it was pleasing to see so many of the Admiral players going forward to shake hands with him at the end.

Later Dr. Koller, who was in charge of the visiting party said that he had been very pleased with the refereeing in the last game and stated that he had no complaint or excuse to offer for his team's defeat.

By reason of their task referees get few bouquets and it is therefore a special pleasure to put on record our appreciation of Mr. Stanley's work with the whistle.

THE SAME SIX

When the competing units report at the recorders' table for the commencement of the Minor Units Athletics Finals next Wednesday it will appear to many people that the calendar has been flicked back one year for the six teams who have qualified this time are exactly the same six as won their way through to the finals in 1954.

This is a most interesting feature and a couple of mathematicians were hard at the other day trying to work out the odds on such a thing happening twice.

The qualifying teams are as follows:—

27 Lt. (Strange's) Bty. RA., HQ 48 Bde., 6 COD, 173 Loc. Bty. RA., CPO, and District Workshops.

The usual 'spot-the-winner' game is already being played but it is not easy to single out any team that can be said to be clear favourites and one of the fascinating features is that the different teams are strong in different departments.

This means that getting the subsidiary places is going to be as important as winning itself, especially if the funded competitors manage to win their particular events.

HARD PUT TO IT

Cricket enthusiasts are asking what has come over the crack Army South team that has now released its grip on the leadership of the Colony Premier League to KCC.

Two draws have cost the side valuable points and while the position is by no means hopeless they are going to be hard put to it to retain the championship title.

It is interesting to hear that Major Peter Chubb, the team captain, has decided to give up his wicket-keeping position so that he can give more attention to the vital captaincy duties.

Apart from anything else it is believed that he has not been too happy recently about his work behind the stumps and he feels that the necessity of concentrating on every ball is not giving him a real chance to think about the wider aspects of the game.

This seems to be a wise decision and I will be most interested to see how the team fortunes react to the change.

With the Army hockey side now in Singapore for the FARFEL Championships there is a lull in the game but at least one well-known umpire cannot resist the call of the sticks.

Major S. B. Boycott, R.A., has agreed to officiate in the play-off of the Senior Schools Championship between King George V School and Queen's College. The game will be played at King's Park this afternoon and the bully off will be at 4.30 p.m.

FIRST CLASS FORM

Army footballers Higgins and Morris were in first class form when they represented the Colony against Admiral FC in the second game of the tour last Saturday.

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SATURDAY'S RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

SCOTLAND CAN TAKE A STEP TOWARDS THE TRIPLE CROWN

Says J. R. WATKINS

The two Home Rugby titles, the International Tournament, and the Triple Crown, go up for auction on February 26, when England meet France at Twickenham, and Scotland entertain Ireland at Murrayfield.

France, who this season have beaten Scotland and Ireland, are favourites for the International Championship; Scotland, the one unbeaten country in Great Britain, alone have a chance of winning the Triple Crown.

Strangs that Scotland, so long Cinderella country, should step boldly into the limelight as potential champions.

They rely on an unchanged team to oppose Ireland at Murrayfield, the scene of that amazing victory over the Welsh.

They have every reason to be satisfied with that performance. And, of course, the advantages of a settled team are immeasurable.

Ireland, on the other hand, have made several changes from the side which drew with England. Jackie Kyle, holder of 34 caps and who was in the running for the South African tour captaincy, has been dropped. His half-back partner, J. A. O'Meara, capped 18 times, also goes.

J. S. McCarthy, who has played 28 times for Ireland and captained the side against England, and R. Kavanagh join them on the discarded list.

Gibbs, although a reliable kicker, did not have a very good game against the fast-moving French.

The selection of Young as captain though, is a shock. As leader of the pack against Wales and Ireland he could not inspire his men. If he is to lead the forwards as well, there cannot be much improvement, even allowing for the return of the dynamic Wilson.

Kyle, who will be partnered by S. J. McDermott, McCarthy and Kavanagh are replaced by D. McSweeney and R. H. Thompson, respectively.

As a tactician Kyle is no Kyle, but his game is more fiery. Finding extra punch seems to be the idea behind the other changes too. McDermott

says all the results to date in the Major Units Soccer Cup Competition — Quarter Finals:

72 LAA Regt. RA. 8, 27 HAA Regt. RA. 4.
1 Bn. Essex Regt. 0, 2/7 Gurkha Rifles 2.
1 King's Own Regt. 2, 32 Med. Regt. RA. 4.

14 Fd. Regt. RA. 1, 25 Fd. Regt. RA. 1. (After Extra Time).
25 Fd. Regt. RA. 9, 14 Fd. Regt. RA. 1. (Re-played at Soo-

kunpo).

The uncertainty of cup-tie football was again well demonstrated in the twice fought battle between the 14th and 25th Regts. Royal Artillery. In the first game it was touch-and-go all the way but the 14th Field team ran into a chapter of misfortunes in connection with the re-play.

They had some unforeseen difficulties en route to the ground and when the game was eventually started a couple of quick goals by the 25th took the wind out of their sails and they went down to heavy defeat.

The draw for the semi-finals is as follows:—

32 Med. Regt. RA. v. 25 Fd. Regt. RA. at Sek Kong.

2/7 Gurkha Rifles v. 72 LAA Regt. RA. at Tam Mei.

Both games will be played on Wednesday, March 9.

In spite of the fact that entries for the Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships close on February 28, very few names have so far been received. One surprise is the fact that Captain J. Hunter, RAMC, who turned in some excellent performances in the 48 Bde. Minor Units Team Championships, has not entered. Many good judges think that he would be well placed in the prize lists.

The Minor Units Football Cup tournament has now reached the semi-final stage and the draw is as follows:—

Q(Mov) & 40 Postal Unit v. 6 COD at Boundary Street, 27 Lt. Bty. RA. v. Cmd. Workshops at Pak Yuen.

Both games will be played on Wednesday, March 9.

GOOD BOXING

There has already been some good boxing in the Land Forces Team Championships and there is a promise that still better fighting will be seen in the semi-final matches which came out of the first as follows:—

1 King's Own Regt. v. 1 Northants at Ben Shakes on March 2.

1 North Staffs v. 1 Essex on March 4 at a venue still to be fixed.

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THE EMPIRE TROOPER TO BE BROKEN UP.

London, Feb. 22. One of Britain's most famous troopers is to end her days in a shipbreaker's yard after 15 years of voyage, during which she has taken thousands of servicemen to all the trouble spots of the world.

She is the 14,000-ton Empire Trooper, a former German liner.

Since she was built in 1939, she has had an adventurous history of many voyages, including the "Trooper" ship the Nazis couldn't sink."

The Empire Trooper was built for the Hamburg-American Line at Hamburg in 1922 as the Cap Norte and had seven voyages for nearly 2,000 third-class passengers and emigrants.

At the outbreak of war, the Cap Norte tried to run the Royal Navy blockade for Germany by sailing for home from South America.

But she was captured by HMS Bristol and fitted out as a transport.

She then ran, on Christmas Day 1940, she was in an outward-bound convoy from a British port when she was attacked by the cruiser Hipper and was badly damaged.

But the Empire Trooper was soon back in service taking a leading part in the campaigns in Madagascar, Sicily and Italy. After an extensive tour in 1943 the Empire Trooper began taking troops and stores from the Far East and Europe during this period. At the end of the war in 1945, that she enabled the Guards to add their long history of military honours.

She took large contingents of Guardsmen east for the Malayan emergency and it had almost become a tradition of the Brigade of Guards that they never served East of the Suez in peace time.

(London Express Services).

Early Train 'Plebiscite' Rejected

Bonn, Feb. 22. West German railway officials carried out a "plebiscite" to decide whether the time of an early morning workers' train should be changed.

The officials distributed voting papers to all passengers on the Greifswald-Berlin train in Bavaria asking for their opinions on a request by some passengers that the train should start 30 minutes earlier.

The request was rejected by 200 to 94, with six abstentions.—Reuter.

Menzies To Visit Athens

Athens, Feb. 22. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, is to visit Athens, where he will stay five days as the guest of the Greek Government.

The Australian Prime Minister on his way home will arrive in Athens on February 28 from London where he has been attending the Commonwealth conference.

During his stay here Mr Menzies will hold conversations with the Prime Minister and other members of the Government on matters of mutual concern.

The question of Greek immigrants to Australia will also come under consideration.—Reuter.

U.S. Business Activity Increased

Washington, Feb. 22. The Commerce Department announced today a further advance in United States business activity in early weeks of 1955, continuing the substantial rise occurred in the fourth quarter of 1954.

The Commerce Department announcement was based upon an annual review of economic conditions, which also revealed that United States foreign investment increased by \$1,000,000 compared with the same period of 1954.—United Press.

India's First Newsprint Mill Open Next Month

New York, Feb. 22. Ceremonies marking the formal dedication of India's first newsprint mill are tentatively set for March 5, it was announced here today.

The \$12,000,000 project, described as the first such enterprise on the mainland of Asia, is the only modern one in the world designed and constructed to process newsprint for the first time commercially from bamboo at Salal Chandi in Central India about 325 miles northeast of Bombay.

According to Ebasco Services, Inc., New York designers of the plant, the anticipated output is estimated at about 35,000 tons annually and is expected to go a long way toward relieving India's lack of print.

Previously, Indian newspapers were forced to import their newsprint from Canada or Scandinavia.

Prime Minister Nehru and other top Government officials are expected to be present at the dedication ceremonies.—United Press.

Steel Industry Expansion To Cost £300m

London, Feb. 22. Britain's current five-year plan to modernise and expand her steel industry will cost £300 million, an official report said today.

The report, presented to Parliament by the Iron and Steel Board, estimates that by 1958—when the five-year period of development ends—the supply and demand for crude steel will both total 22,000,000 tons.

This will represent an increase of 3,840,000 ingot tons in the use of steel in Britain in the five years.

Production is already growing rapidly and should reach 10,000,000 ingot tons this year. By 1958 the need for imports of steel will be "negligible," the report said.

The Iron and Steel Board was set up in 1953 by the present Conservative Government as an official co-ordinating body for the industry when it removed steel from state ownership and handed it back to private enterprise.—Reuter.

Boom Year For Danish Shipyards

Copenhagen, Feb. 22. Danish shipyards had a boom year in 1954, building no less than 200,000 tons deadweight of new ships.

Sixteen thousand workmen are now employed in the yards and if more labour were available the output could be largely increased.

Burmeister and Wain, the biggest shipyard in Denmark, has recently been reorganised and is to produce 100,000 tons of shipping yearly if the skilled labour were available. Danish yards have enough work for two or three years.—Reuter.

Calcutta Tea Auction

Calcutta, Feb. 22. There were 1,810 lots totalling 8,091,000 lbs. on offer today at the tea auction sale here.

The sale opened quietly with prices at considerably lower level except black leaf spots. Later demand improved and there was some recovery. Quotations in rupees per lb. were:

Best Medium Darjeeling 25.4%
Best Assam OTC 25.4%

Quotations for leaves were not available due to the insufficient quantity available to be offered.—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WEAKNESS OF STERLING

Outer Area Members Living Beyond Means And Losing Reserves

London, Feb. 22. Three reasons are given for the present weakness of sterling in the foreign exchange market.

The first is that members of the outer sterling area are living beyond their means and running down their reserves.

The second is that British grain traders are buying unusually large amounts of American grain.

Increase In Customs Classifications On Watches

Washington, Feb. 22. United States officials said today the Customs Bureau, which is part of the Treasury, is expected to announce in about two weeks a decision to put in higher customs classifications on imported watches that are up-jewelled in the U.S.

They understood the Bureau so far has not received anything which would make it consider revoking this decision but is still studying briefs submitted by interests for and against reclassification of such watches.

They said it appears the Bureau does not think it a good idea to suspend action until a conference is held on all aspects of watch imports.

SWISS SUGGESTION

The Swiss Government has sent a note to the State Department making this suggestion.

The 30-day statutory period for sending in briefs to the Customs Bureau ended Saturday but officials understood the Bureau might still be willing to consider in the next two weeks any suggestions which might make them revoke the decision for reclassification.

They said the Bureau issues what is called a change in practice when it announced intention to reclassify such watches and when this is done the decision becomes irrevocable.

There then ensues a 90-day period before the reclassification comes into force to permit importers to get rid of watches in warehouses and en route from Switzerland that have been ordered under the present classification.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 22. The tin market was steady in the morning with spot marked down 2½ to £700 and three-month £1 to £709½.

Turnover was 150 tons, of which 20 tons were for cash.

In the afternoon unofficial session, the market was again steady but quiet with spot up 2 points at £708 and three-month ½ to £711½. Turnover was 8 tons, and there was none for cash.

Closing prices in sterling per ton were:

Spot buyers 207
3-month buyers 211
sellers 712
business 711

—United Press.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

London, Feb. 22. The pepper market was dull. White Sarawak was quoted at 2s 2d; sellers: Black Sarawak, 2s 9½d; sellers: Black Malabar, 2s 3d; quoted at 35s per hundredweight, sellers.—United Press.

London Zinc And Lead Market

London, Feb. 22. Zinc and lead markets were quiet while copper was steady. Prices closed in the afternoon session in sterling per long ton as follows:

copper 11s 1d
Zinc 10s 1d
Lead 10s 1d
tin 10s 1d

—United Press.

Zurich Foreign Exchange

Zurich, Feb. 22. The market was firm. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram. CIF March as follows:

No. 1 rubber 642 buyers
No. 2 rubber 620 buyers
No. 3 rubber 622 buyers
No. 1 crepe 614 buyers

—United Press.

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